

Superintendent's Report



To: Parents/Guardians

From: Mark Pearmain, Superintendent, North Vancouver School District

Announcements

Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies

NOTE: This information does not apply to Capilano Elementary, Carson Graham Secondary and Queen Mary Community Elementary. These three schools are IB schools and follow International Baccalaureate Self-Assessment.

In 2017, the British Columbia Ministry of Education introduced the Core Competencies of Thinking, Communication and Personal and Social Responsibility into the curriculum. These three broad-based Core Competencies are sets of proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep and life-long learning (MOE, 2017). Additionally, the Provincial Student Progress Report Order was amended to include the requirement of an annual summative Self-Assessment of student growth in these three Core Competencies. Please click [HERE](#) for further information about your child's Self-Assessment of the Core Competencies.

2019/20 School Calendar - District-wide 2019/20 Pro-D dates confirmed

The North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTA) has confirmed their selection of the three district-wide Professional Development dates for the 2019/20 School Calendar. The Collective Agreement in place between the NVTA and the School District provides the Teachers' Association the right to select the three dates each year on which all schools across the district collectively schedule the same Professional Development Day date. For the 2019/20 school year, the three district-wide ProD/non-instructional dates are: Friday, October 25, 2019; Friday, February 7*, 2020; and Monday, May 4, 2020. The two remaining school-based Professional Development dates will be selected by the NVTA Staff Committee at each school and will be confirmed by the end of May. Each school will publish their complete, school-specific calendar by May 31st. Please click [HERE](#) for further information on the school district calendar. (*This date differs from the "Example" ProD date on earlier versions of the 2019/20 School Calendar.)

2e: Twice Exceptional Movie Screening & Panel Discussion

Parents and staff are invited to a film screening of 2e: *Twice Exceptional* on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Education Services Centre (2121 Lonsdale Ave, Mountainview Room, 5th floor). This film examines the successful educational journeys of students

whose advanced intellectual abilities are accompanied by social-emotional challenges, sensory or motor needs, and/or learning disabilities. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion. Space is limited, please register [HERE](#).

Information

Teacher bargaining update

Bargaining at the provincial level, between BC Public School Employers' Association and BC Teachers' Federation, is underway. At the local table, the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTA) and the North Vancouver School District (District) commenced bargaining on April 12, 2019. At the first session, both parties tabled their opening proposals – NVTA tabled 12 proposals and the District tabled nine proposals. Since then, two more bargaining sessions have occurred on April 29, 2019 and May 3, 2019. Agreement has been reached on two proposals, and progress has been made on other proposals as well. Local bargaining will continue on May 15, 22 and 24.

Report of the Committee on Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health

The North Vancouver School District is committed to four pillars of educational practice: Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and [Social Emotional Learning](#). The continuum of Social Emotional Learning includes:

- creating a sense of belonging for students
- teaching pro-social Skills
- encouraging positive mental health awareness
- building an integrated service approach to mental health

The development of a strategic, intentional and systemic action plan across the continuum is needed. To this end, the school district established an employee Joint Representative Committee to determine how to create and implement such a plan. After much work, this committee has created a report of recommendations. Please click [HERE](#) to read this report.

Health Canada Public Consultation on Vaping

Health Canada invites educators and parents to take part in its public consultation to help shape future regulations aimed at protecting youth from the harms and risks associated with vaping products. The consultation closes May 25. Please click [HERE](#) to take part.

Facilities Updates

Ridgeway parking variance

At the May 6, 2019, regular meeting of City of North Vancouver Mayor and Council, a parking variance was issued for Ridgeway Elementary School that no longer requires the school to build 14 new parking stalls at the school. The variance was issued with a requirement that the school district work on providing lockers (for scooters, etc.), install more bike racks, place a lock on the bike compound, and continue to advocate with staff to encourage biking and alternate forms of transport to and from school. City of North Vancouver Council also directed its staff to report back to Council on a plan to implement traffic calming within the Ridgeway neighbourhood, including the potential of

a pilot "no drop-off and pick-up" zone around the entire perimeter of Ridgeway school between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., starting in the 2019/20 school year. Final consideration of the bylaw will go before City of North Vancouver Mayor and Council on May 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Written feedback submissions regarding the variance will be received up to and including May 27, 2019 until 4:00 p.m. Feedback can be submitted to devel@cnv.org.

School visits

Eastview Elementary

First, I visited with Regan Rankin's students as they played football through the Game Ready program. Then I spent some time with Nicky Mey's class who were doing sharing time. I also heard Erica Ward's students read poetry they had written about their school – "Have you seen Eastview Elementary?" was their topic.



Windsor Secondary

I learned some more about the auto program at the school; in particular, the drag racing! I was also able to see some amazing student wood working projects. Thank you to Mr. Lonsbrough and Mr. Van Samang for showing me around. It was also really wonderful to visit with the inclusive education team and their students, who were working on a spirit animal project.



Norgate Community Elementary

My morning at Norgate started by welcoming students and parents at the school entrance. It was an uplifting start to the day. I then joined circle in Gail Morrison's grade 3/4 class. I spent some time trying out the new playground equipment at the school, before finding out about the Glee Club that is putting on a show soon. The show has involved the entire school community and is a pretty special parent lead initiative.



Boundary Elementary

I was lucky to join Boundary Elementary for its grade seven farewell community pancake breakfast. My son goes to this school, and it was nice to spend some time with him and with families at the school as a dad.

